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RESPONSE TO MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the U.S. Designated/Elected Office, applicants submit herewith a signed and dated Declaration and Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

The surcharge fee in the amount of \$65.00 for the late filing of the Declaration was submitted with the application filing fee on June 7, 2006.

If there are any further fees required by this communication, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 40599.

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